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Deputies' Meeting

Wednesday, 10 September 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

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d. Noted that [redacted] had denied any connection between his organization and the Communists. After some discussion, the Director stated he intended to discuss this matter with the President on 12 September. Mr. Dulles undertook to prepare a memorandum on this matter for the DCI.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Briefly discussed a sensitive situation which had developed [redacted] and stated that [redacted] was fully aware of this matter; however, he had recommended that CIA discuss it with State officials in Washington. After some discussion, the DCI stated this was "none of our affair" and we had "concluded our duty" by reporting the matter to [redacted]

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

b. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative in [redacted] concerning an article, presently in the hands of the Saturday Evening Post, which discusses several aspects of clandestine activities. After some discussion, the Director asked that DD/P determine whether or not the writer of the article [redacted] actually was employed by the Saturday Evening Post and noted that if this was the case [redacted] Mr. Wisner stated he would also discuss this matter with Defense since it appeared that PRO might also have undertaken action in this matter.

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c. Noted that consideration was being given to appointing [redacted] to carry out certain activities abroad and recommended that the Director personally see him. After some discussion, the DCI stated he desired a complete biography on [redacted] prior to the time he saw him and, in connection with the activity proposed for [redacted], asked if Mr. Wisner had considered [redacted] Mr. Wisner stated that he had and noted certain reasons why [redacted] should remain on his present assignment. The Director then stated that regardless of [redacted] position he and officers in similar positions should be brought to the U.S. from time to time for consultation.

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d. Noted that [redacted], who is scheduled to return to the U.S. next month, was a regular Air Force officer; however, he was not a pilot and, in his (Mr. Wisner's) opinion, [redacted] would be of more service to the U.S. by remaining with CIA and/or the Department of State. After some discussion, the Director stated if it was desired to take any action concerning [redacted] resignation from the Air Force and subsequent employment by CIA, it should be done in the immediate future.

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Mr. Hedden:

a. Reported that the Internal Revenue people were coming in to see him today concerning private bank accounts of [redacted]

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Mr. Becker:

a. Noted there would be no IAC Meeting this week.

b. Briefly discussed his activities in keeping an eye on the Moscow Conference scheduled for 15 October and stated there were some indications which might lead to the formation of a Soviet Orbit UN and the withdrawal of these countries from the UN now established in New York. The Director noted that "there might be something to this."

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Security Information

Mr. Becker (Cont'd.)

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c. Briefly reported on the status of the [redacted] case and stated that (1) subpoenas had been issued to [redacted] however, none had been served on our people; (2) consideration was being given to having Mr. Houston attend this trial; (3) it might be well to approach the judge in this case prior to the trial and, without taking a position, point out to him the security aspects of this case.



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